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1. THE FRG FOREIGN OFFICE HAS PASSED US THE FOLLOWING
MESSAGE FROM THE FRG EMBASSY IN BRAZZAVILLE. THE
REPORT IS DATED SEPTEMBER 1.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

DURING A LONG CONVERSATION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER OBENGA,
I TOLD HIM THAT, DURING MY STAY IN BRAZZAVILLE, I HAD
HOPED TO BE ABLE TO FURTHER THE RECONCILIATION BETWEEN
THE PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CONGO AND THE US MORE THAN I
HAD BEEN ABLE TO DO.

IN FALL OF LAST YEAR, THE OPPORTUNITY FOR A RENEWAL OF
DIALOGUES WAS GOOD, BUT IT WAS NOT USED. I CANNOT
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EXPLAIN WHY VERBAL ATTACKS BETWEEN THE CONGO AND THE US

STILL TAKE PLACE, WHEN - SEEN FROM THE GERMAN POINT OF VIEW AT LEAST - A WORLDWIDE POLICY OF RELAXATION OF TENSIONS IS THE ORDER OF THE HOUR. A NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH THE US SHOULD ALSO BE IN THE INTEREST OF THE CONGOLESE.

MINISTER OBENGA ANSWERED THAT THE BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS CERTAINLY WERE NOT CUT OFF AND THAT, DURING HIS UPCOMING VISIT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS, HE INTENDED TO HAVE SOME TALKS IN WASHINGTON.

I POINTED OUT THAT ONE OF THE CONDITIONS FOR A FRUITFUL DIALOGUE WOULD BE THE READINESS OF THE CONGO TO ENTER INTO SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS ON COMPENSATION FOR THE NATIONALIZED US COMPANIES SUCH AS TEXACO AND MOBIL OIL.

I ALSO POINTED OUT THIS SAME PROBLEM TO PRESIDENT NGOUABI DURING MY FAREWELL VISIT, WITHOUT RECEIVING A REPLY.

EVEN THOUGH IT SEEMS THAT THE CONGOLESE ARE WILLING TO RE-APPROACH THE US, THE PROPAGANDA OFFICIALS OBVIOUSLY HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED WORD TO CHANGE THEIR "GUIDELINES." IN A BRIEF BUT VERY OBJECTIVE ARTICLE THAT APPEARED IN THE CONGOLESE INFORMATION SERVICE ON AUGUST 31 ABOUT THE IMPENDING MEETING BETWEEN KISSINGER AND VORSTER, FOR EXAMPLE, IT WAS WRITTEN: "KISSINGER IS ONCE AGAIN GETTING READY TO SEE VORSTER, WITHOUT A DOUBT TO FIND SOME TACTIC TO NEGATE THE EFFORTS OF THE SUPPRESSED BLACKS IN SOUTH AFRICA." (SIGNED, FISCHER
END QUOTE
HILLENBRAND

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